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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: POST ALLOWANCE

1. GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE ANNOUNCED DEVALUATION OF THE "ZAIRE" FRIDAY MARCH 12. EXCHANGE RATE ANNOUNCED TODAY BY BANK OF ZAIRE IS $1.00 EQUALS 0.85Z. OR 1.00Z EQUALS $1.17.

2. KINSHASA WILL POUCH 1976 DSP-23 REPORT FRIDAY, MARCH 19. REPORT, WHICH INCLUDES UP DATED LIVING PATTERN DATA, WILL SHOW SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN IMPORTANCE LOCAL MARKET SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND MAJOR INCREASE IMPORTANCE EMBASSY COMMISSARY, WHERE ALL PURCHASES ARE BY DOLLAR CHECK, AS SOURCE OF SUPPLY (P; 20 DSP-23). IN 1975 SURVEY, AVERAGE OF 35 ITEMS COLUMN TWO (LOCAL MARKET) P. 20 WAS 33.8 PER CENT -- 1976 AVERAGE IS 16 PER CENT. IN 1975 SURVEY, AVERAGE OF 35 ITEMS COLUMN 3 (COMMISSARY) WAS 34.2 PER CENT -- 1976 AVERAGE IS 59.6 PER CENT.

3. IN VIEW SIGNIFICANT INCREASE SINCE 1975 SURVEY IN USE EMBASSY COMMISSARY, WHERE DEVALUATION HAS NO BEARING ON DOLLAR PRICES, REQUEST ALLOWANCES BRANCH NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ADJUST-MENTS IN KINSHASA POST ALLOWANCE UNTIL RECEIPT DSP-23.

4. KINSHASA IS RECOMMENDING ALL CONSTITUENT POSTS SUBMIT DSP-23 ASAP REFLECTING LATEST PRICES THEIR LOCALES, WHERE RELIANCE
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ON LOCAL MARKET SOURCES SUPPLY ALMOST TOTAL.

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